

**DAMAGE SURVEY REPORT (DSR)**  
**Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Recovery**

**Section 1A**

Date of Report: 02/21/2006

DSR Number: 103-05-139K Project Number: Timber Branch

**NRCS Entry Only**

Eligible: YES ☒ NO ☐  
Approved: YES ☒ NO ☐  
Funding Priority Number (from Section 4) 1E  
Limited Resource Area: YES ☐ NO ☒

**Section 1B Sponsor Information**

Sponsor Name: St. Tammany Parish

Address: 21490 Koop Drive

City/State/Zip: Mandeville, LA 70471 - 0628

Telephone Number: (985) 898-2552

Fax: (985) 898-5205

**Section 1C Site Location Information**

County: St. Tammany State: LA Congressional District: 01

Latitude: see comments Longitude: see comments Section: 46 Township: 7S Range: 11E

UTM Coordinates: 15

Drainage Name: Timber Branch Reach: 16,200 Ft.

Damage Description: Debris is reducing the capacity of Channel. Drainage is severely impeded. Debris consists mostly trees.

**Section 1D Site Evaluation**

All answers in this Section must be YES in order to be eligible for EWP assistance.

Site Eligibility	YES	NO	Remarks
Damage was a result of a natural disaster?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hurricane Katrina - August 29, 2005
Recovery measures would be for runoff retardation or soil erosion prevention?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Threat to life and/or property?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Event caused a sudden impairment in the watershed?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imminent threat was created by this event?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
For structural repairs, not repaired twice within ten years?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Site Defensibility</b>			
Economic, environmental, and social documentation adequate to warrant action (Go to pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 ***)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Proposed action technically viable? (Go to Page 9 ***)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Have all the appropriate steps been taken to ensure that all segments of the affected population have been informed of the EWP program and its possible effects? YES ☒ NO ☐

start:30.46554, 90.12051 end:30.45979, 90.16521

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Statutory

\*\* Regulation

\*\*\* DSR Pages 3 through 5 are required to support the decisions recorded on this summary page. If additional space is needed on this or any other page in this form, add appropriate pages.

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### Section 1E Proposed Action

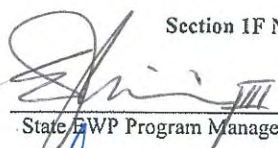
Describe the preferred alternative from Findings: Section 5 A:

Removal of storm debris from channel using conventional methods involving sawyers, cable equipment and trackhoes. Debris will be chipped and spread outside of the streambed - either side.

Total installation cost identified in this DSR: Section 3: \$ 352,100.00

### Section 1F NRCS State Office Review and Approval


Reviewed By:

  
State EWP Program Manager

Date Reviewed:

3/9/06

Approved By:

  
State Conservationist

Date Approved:

3/9/06

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## Section 2 Environmental Evaluation

2A Resource Concerns	2B Existing Condition	2C Alternative Designation		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
		Chip debris and spread outside of stream bed - either bank	Leave debris in stream	Complete debris removal
		2D Effects of Alternatives		
<b>Soil</b>				
Bank erosion	20 tons/acre	5 tons/acre	20 tons/acre	5 tons/acre
Soil quality	Soil quality reduced	Soil quality improved	Soil quality reduced	Soil quality improved
<b>Water</b>				
<b>Downstream water rights</b>	Will not have to drain River to conduct debris removal.	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect
DO	Low/potential problem	Improved DO	Low /potential problem	Improved DO
BOD	Raised BOD	Lower BOD	Raised BOD	Lower BOD
Petroleum products	attainment	Short-term increase during removal	attainment	Short-term increase during removal
SVAP	SVAP 6.0 fair	SVAP 6.2 fair	SVAP 6.0 fair	SVAP 6.2 fair
<b>Air</b>				
PM-10	attainment	attainment	attainment	attainment
<b>Plant</b>				
Aquatic health/vigor	Poor	Improved	Poor	Improved
Riparian plants	Excessive debris causing shading and long term damage	Increased sunlight will increase growth	Growth limited	Increased growth
<b>Animal</b>				
Fisheries access	Impaired due to blockage	Restore hydrologic flow regime	Access restricted.	Restore hydrologic flow regime
Forest habitat	Forest dynamic shift	No significant change	No significant change	No significant change
<b>Other</b>				
Aesthetics	Poor due to clutter	Improved	Poor due to clutter	Improved
Vector habitat	Mosquito habitat in floodplain	Improve flow will drain areas	Vector habitat will remain	Improve flow will drain areas

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## Section 2E Special Environmental Concerns

Resource Consideration	Existing Condition	Alternatives and Effects		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
Clean Water Act Waters of the U.S.	CWA permit will be required if work is to be done in channel.	CWA permit required	No permit required.	CWA permit required
Coastal Zone Management Areas	Not Within CZMA (North of Hwy 12)	N/A	Water flow patterns altered;	N/A
Coral Reefs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural Resources	(FOTG Sec II) none observed on-site State Level Review needed	(FOTG Sec II) none observed on-site State Level Review needed	(FOTG Sec II) none observed on-site	(FOTG Sec II) none observed on-site State Level Review needed
Endangered and Threatened Species	(FOTG Sec II) none observed on site nor suitable habitat noted	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environmental Justice	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Essential Fish Habitat	(FOTG Sec II) No EFH	(FOTG Sec II) No EFH	N/A	(FOTG Sec II) No EFH
Fish and Wildlife Coordination	State level review by project type with USFWS&LDWF; No consultation required.	State level review by project type with USFWS&LDWF; No consultation required	N/A	State level review by project type with USFWS&LDWF; No consultation required.
Floodplain Management	Timber Branch is located within 100-year flood plain. Debris in river is increasing flood potential.	100-year floodplain historic range restored.	100-year floodplain is increased in size due to debris.	100-year floodplain historic range restored.
Invasive Species	Privet (Ligustrum sp.) Bamboo (Arundinaria sp.)	No significant impact	No significant impact	No significant impact
Migratory Birds	Food & cover quality for dense canopy cover birds reduced	Food&cover quality improved	Food&cover quality impaired due to debris	Food&cover quality improved
Natural Areas	(FOTG Sec II) None present	N/A	N/A	N/A
Prime and Unique Farmlands	(FOTG Sec II) None present	N/A	N/A	N/A
Riparian Areas	Riparian habitat impacted by flooding due to debris accumulation	Riparian habitat improved by debris removal	Riparian habitat impacted by flooding due to debris accumulation	Riparian habitat improved by debris removal
Scenic Beauty	(FOTG Sec II) None present	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wetlands	Open water containing debris. Emergent/wooded wetlands also littered with debris.	Debris removed from open water and adjacent to stream. Wetlands not adversely impacted.	Open water containing debris. Emergent/wooded wetlands also littered with debris.	Debris removed from open water and adjacent to stream. Wetlands not adversely impact
Wild and Scenic Rivers	(FOTG Sec II) (LDWF scenic streams list) The Tchefuncte River and its tributaries are listed	(FOTG Sec II) (LDWF scenic streams list) Listed	N/A	(FOTG Sec II) (LDWF scenic streams list) Listed

Completed By: Gregory Kidd

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**Section 2F Economic**

**This section must be completed by each alternative considered (attach additional sheets as necessary).**

	Future Damages (\$)	Damage Factor (%)	Near Term Damage Reduction
Properties Protected (Private): 7 houses @ \$700,000 ea	700,000.00	25	175,000.00
4 houses @ \$75,000 ea	300,000.00	25	75,000.00
29 houses @ \$250,000 ea	7,250,000.00	25	1,812,500.00
10 houses @ \$ 150,000 ea	1,500,000.00	25	375,000.00
Properties Protected (Public)			
1st Baptist Church @ 3.5 million	3,500,000.00	25	875,000.00
2 bridges @ \$ 100,000 ea (1085 bridge, 1 new bridge)	200,000.00	25	50,000.00
Business Losses			
Other:			
6 powerlines @ \$ 2,000 ea	12,000.00	25	3,000.00
3 culverts @ \$20,000 ea	60,000.00	25	15,000.00
6 culverts @ \$10,000 ea	60,000	25	15,000.00
Total Near Term Damage Reduction \$			3,395,500.00
Net Benefit (Total Near Term Damage Reduction minus Cost from Section 3)			3,043,400.00

Completed By: HKH/LC

Date: 02/22/2006

**Section 2G Social Consideration This section must be completed by each alternative considered**

(attach additional sheets as necessary).

	YES	NO	Remarks
Has there been a loss of life as a result of the watershed impairment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not in the immediate area but several deaths attributable to the storm occurred in the Parish
Is there the potential for loss of life due to damages from the watershed impairment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has access to a hospital or medical facility been impaired by watershed impairment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - many downed trees blocking access
Has the community as a whole been adversely impacted by the watershed impairment (life and property ceases to operate in a normal capacity)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Impairment increased flooding impacts throughout the community
Is there a lack or has there been a reduction of public safety due to watershed impairment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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**Section 2H Group Representation and Disability Information****This section is completed only for the preferred alternative selected.**

Group Representation	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Non-Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Non-Hispanic	
Asian Female Hispanic	
Asian Female Non-Hispanic	
Asian Male Hispanic	
Asian Male Non-Hispanic	
Black or African American Female Hispanic	
Black or African American Female Non-Hispanic	8
Black or African American Male Hispanic	4
Black or African American Male Non-Hispanic	8
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Hispanic	4
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Non-Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Non-Hispanic	
White Female Hispanic	
White Female Non-Hispanic	80
White Male Hispanic	
White Male Non-Hispanic	80
Total Group	<del>168</del> 168

Census tract(s) T040400 BG-2

Completed By: LC/HKH

Date: 02/22/2006

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Section 2I. Required consultation or coordination between the lead agency and/or the RFO and another governmental unit including tribes:

Easements, permissions, or permits:

Required: Access permission (St. Tammany has 60' corridor access); CWA permit (COE); Water Quality Certification (LDEQ); Wild and Scenic Stream Permit (LDWF);

Eight State and/or Federal Species are listed in St. Tammany Parish however, there are no known T&E sites listed for the Timber Branch and no suitable habitat was noted.

Mitigation Description:

Debris will be disposed of on-site outside of the streambed area (spread/blown and not piled). Access areas should be limited to the drier of the two banks to minimize impacts to adjacent riparian areas (wetlands) and to minimize detriment to fish habitat within the stream. Action will be completed without interruption.

Some existing, water-logged debris left in the channel is preferred/acceptable. Only dead/new debris is to be removed. No live trees within the stream bed should be cut.

Disturbed areas will be seeded to an approved seed mix (FOTG Sec IV - Critical Area Planting NRCS-LA Standard 342).

Agencies, persons, and references consulted, or to be consulted:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
LDEQ  
St. Tammany Parish Government  
LDWF



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**Section 3 Engineering Cost Estimate**

Completed By: Caroline Clarin Date: 02/22/2006

**This section must be completed by each alternative considered (attach additional sheets as necessary).**

Proposed Recovery Measure (including mitigation)	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost (\$)	Amount (\$)
Proposed Action- Debris removal with conventional equipment chip and dispose onsite				0.00
Debris removal	16200	LF	21.00	340,200.00
Mobilization and Demobilization	1	LS	7,500.00	7,500.00
Seeding, Sprigging and Fertilization	22	AC	200.00	4,400.00
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Total Installation Cost (Enter in Section 1F)\$				352,100.00

Unit Abbreviations:

AC	Acre	LS	Lump Sum
CY	Cubic Yard	SF	Square Feet
EA	Each	SY	Square Yard
HR	Hour	TN	Ton
LF	Linear Feet		Other (Specify)

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#### Section 4 NRCS EWP Funding Priority

Complete the following section to compute the funding priority for the recovery measures in this application (see instructions on page 10).

Priority Ranking Criteria	Yes	No		Ranking Number Plus Modifier
1. Is this an exigency situation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 E
2. Is this a site where there is serious, but not immediate threat to human life?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3. Is this a site where buildings, utilities, or other important infrastructure components are threatened?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. Is this site a funding priority established by the NRCS Chief?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>The following are modifiers for the above criteria</b>			<b>Modifier</b>	
a. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve federally-listed threatened and endangered species or critical habitat?				
b. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve cultural sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places?				
c. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve prime or important farmland?				
d. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve existing wetlands?				
e. Will the proposed action or alternatives maintain or improve current water quality conditions?			e	
f. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve unique habitat, including but not limited to, areas inhabited by State-listed species, fish and wildlife management area, or State identified sensitive habitats?				

Enter priority computation in Section 1A, NRCS Entry, Funding priority number.

Remarks:

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**Section 5A Findings**

**Finding: Indicate the preferred alternative from Section 2 (Enter to Section 1E):**

Removal of storm debris from channel using conventional methods involving sawyers, cable equipment and trackhoes, Debris will be chipped and spread outside of the streambed - either side

*I have considered the effects of the action and the alternatives on the Environmental Economic, Social; the Special Environmental Concerns; and the extraordinary circumstances (40 CFR 1508.27). I find for the reasons stated below, that the preferred alternative:*

☒ Has been sufficiently analyzed in the EWP PEIS (reference all that apply)  
Chapter 5.2.2.1.2  
Chapter 5.2.2.2.2  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ May require the preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.  
The action will be referred to the NRCS State Office on this date:

NRCS representative of the DSR team

Title: Dist. Cons. Date: 3-1-06

**Section 5B Comments:**

**Section 5C**

**Sponsor Concurrence:**

Sponsor Representative

Title: Env. Sp. Date: 3.1.06

**Section 6 Attachments:**

- A. Location Map
- B. Site Plan or Sketches
- C. Other (explain)

TOPO MAP  
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Timber Branch  
St. Tammany Parish  
Estimated Total Reach Length 16,200 LF

